

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 (withdrawn): A bulk bag unloader comprising
an adjustable frame constructed without cross bracing,
a bottom frame secured to the adjustable frame,
a ram base removably secured to the bottom frame,
a bag tray adapted to support a bulk bag removably secured to the ram
base,
a top frame secured to the adjustable frame,
an I-beam secured to the top frame, said I-beam being substantially
the same length as the adjustable frame is wide,
a trolley adapted to traverse the I-beam, and
a hoist secured to the trolley.

2 (withdrawn): The unloader of claim 1, further comprising a seat mounted to the unloader.

3 (currently amended): A bulk bag unloader comprising
at least one bottom frame,
unloader frame brackets secured to the bottom frame,
an adjustable frame constructed without cross bracing,
a top frame secured to the adjustable frame,
an I-beam secured horizontally to the middle of the top frame, said I-
beam being substantially the same length as the adjustable frame is wide,
a trolley for moving a hoist along the I-beam within the top frame;
a hoist coupled with the trolley for lifting a bulk bag up and down;
and
a bag support hopper supported by the unloader brackets.

4 (currently amended): The unloader of claim 3, further comprising a bag tray adapted to support a bulk bag and secured in a spaced, off-center relationship to the frame such that the hoist positioned over a bulk bag's center of gravity can lift a bulk bag from the ground, move it along the I-beam, and position it on the bag tray.~~said hopper comprising hopper brackets adapted to support the hopper by the unloader frame brackets.~~

5 (currently amended): The unloader of claim 3[[4]], wherein the frame is sized such that the vertical centers of gravity of two horizontally adjacent bulk bags can be inside the frame.~~further comprising at least one spacer disposed between the hopper brackets and unloader frame brackets.~~

6 (currently amended): The unloader of claim [[4]]3, the hopper comprising hopper brackets adapted to support the hopper by the unloader frame brackets, and further comprising at least one load cell disposed between the hopper brackets and unloader frame brackets.

7 (currently amended): The unloader of claim [[4]]3, further comprising at least one vibration isolator disposed between the hopper brackets and unloader frame brackets.

8 (original): The unloader of claim 7, further comprising a vibration flange secured to the hopper.

9 (original): The unloader of claim 3, further comprising a hopper flange ring secured to said hopper.

10 (original): The unloader of claim 9, further comprising a discharge device plate secured to said hopper flange ring.

11 (original): The unloader of claim 10, further comprising a discharge device removably secured to said discharge device plate.

12 (canceled)

13 (original): The unloader of claim 3, further comprising a swiveled seat mounted to an unloader adjustable frame.

14 (currently amended): A bulk bag unloader comprising
at least one bottom frame,
a plurality of unloader frame brackets secured to the bottom frame,
a bag support hopper supported by the unloader brackets,
an adjustable frame constructed without cross bracing,
a top frame secured to the adjustable frame,
an I-beam secured horizontally to the middle of the top frame, said I-beam being substantially the same length as the adjustable frame is wide,
a trolley for moving a hoist and bulk bag along the I-beam within the top frame,
a hoist coupled with the trolley for lifting a bulk bag up and down, and
a seat mounted to the unloader.

15 (withdrawn): A bulk bag unloader comprising
a frame adapted to support a loaded bulk bag, the frame defining a boundary between inside of the frame and outside of the frame; and
an I-beam for supporting the loaded bulk bag, the I-beam secured to the top of the frame and being completely contained inside of the frame.

16 (withdrawn): The unloader of claim 15, further comprising a bag tray adapted to support a bulk bag and secured in a spaced, off-center relationship to the frame.

17 (withdrawn): The unloader of claim 16, wherein the frame is sized such that the vertical centers of gravity of two horizontally adjacent bulk bags can be inside the frame.

18 (withdrawn): A bulk bag unloader comprising
a frame adapted to support a loaded bulk bag, the frame defining a boundary between inside of the frame and outside of the frame; and
an I-beam for supported the loaded bulk bag secured to the top frame, the unloader suitably adapted to support a second bulk bag such that at least a portion of the second bulk bag can be inside the frame.

19 (withdrawn): A bulk bag unloader comprising a bag support hopper, the hopper comprising
a horizontal mounting base,
a plurality of hinge plates hingedly secured to the mounting base, and
a plurality of top plates hingedly secured to the mounting base or the hinge plates.

20 (withdrawn): The unloader of claim 19, further comprising a plurality of bottom actuators disposed between the mounting base and the hinge plates, adapted to increase the angle of the hinge plates relative to the mounting base when the bottom actuators are inflated.

21 (withdrawn): The unloader of claim 20, further comprising a plurality of top actuators disposed between the hinge plates and the top plates, adapted to increase the angle of the top plates relative to the hinge plates when the top actuators are inflated.

22 (withdrawn): The unloader of claim 21 wherein the hinge plates, top plates, and mounting base form a rigid hopper for the bag when the top actuators and bottom actuators are inflated.

23 (withdrawn): The unloader of claim 19, further comprising a flexible cover secured from around the outside perimeter of the mounting base to the top plates, adapted to protect operators from moving parts of the unloader.

24 (canceled)